

A

# REVIEW

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# BRITISH NATION.

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**I** Ended my last with a Maxim, which I make no Question to Maintain, in opposition to all the Endeavour of a Party among us to the contrary ; viz. That *High-Flyers and Tories*, as I have explain'd my self on these Terms, and as the Words are generally accepted among us——are utterly Inconsistent with, and Enemies to the present Government, as it stands fix'd upon Revolution Settlement.

That I may farther, and without leaving Room for Cavil and Debate, explain my self, I shall tell you very plainly, what I mean by High-Flying and Tories, and why I give them two Terms ; and, Secondly,

What I mean by the Government; and this I shall do very briefly.

1. By *Tories*, I mean, that kind of Ambitious Monster, that Swearing to the Government, yet retains his Desires, and reserves his Endeavours for a Pretending Invader.

2. By *High-Flyers*, I mean every kind of Mad Men among us, who being of Precipitant Principles, would push on our Divisions to all the desperate Extremes, which we have seen fatal to the Publick Peace, and which will ever be so, let them be on which Side they will ; and because I would not

be obscure, I'll descend from the General, to these Particulars, because my saying on either Side, may be liable to some People's Invidious Exception.

1. If there are on the one Side furious *High-Flyers*, that are for Damning their Brethren, because they are not of the same Mad Principles with themselves; that are for Non-Resistance in Case of Tyranny and Oppression; that will Sacrifice their Estates, Liberties, Chastity and Religion, to an Arbitrary and Law-breaking Governour — That declare for the Church, built upon Persecution and Destruction of *Dissenters*, and for the Divine Right of Blood Royal, in Prejudice of the Protestant Succession — Let the Man stand forth, and tell me his Name, that will say these Things are not incompatible with the present Revolution-Settlement on which we stand.

2. If there are among us, on the other Side, *High-Flyers*, of a kind differing from these — Who are for running down, and Ruining the Publick Credit, because the Management is taken out of the Hands they approv'd of; that are for running the Risque of weakening our Hands against *France*, and giving the Enemy the Advantage over us, for want of that only Support left us to carry on the War, (our Credit); That are for running the Ship upon the Rocks, tho' they are to be drown'd in the Disaster, because they do not like their New Pilots — That are for bringing us to the last Extremity, and care not whether the Cause of God, and the Protestant Interest in the World be upheld, unless God will use such Instruments as they think proper; that declare they had rather we should not be deliver'd, than that such and such should deliver us — If there are any such among us — *I wish there were not*: These also are Inconsistent with the present Safety of this Nation,

and the Establishment of the Government.

Of both these kinds let me say thus much: The Wise Men on either Side, and who they both pretend to espouse, are against them, and equally detest both their Principle and their Practice. For the first — The Honest Men that are (alas how few!) among the *Tory Party*, detest the double Face's *Oath-taking Non-Furor* — It's an odd Expression, but I think these Men dally with God and Man; They take the Oath, but do not swear — They comply with the Form, but abhor the Substance; they shew the Face to the Government, reserve the Intention to the Enemy. Hellish Hypocrites! — That *Bow* to God, but *Worship Baal*; and while their Tongues repeat the Dreadful Oath, their Hearts tell them they are lying both to God and the Queen; their own Party detest the Treachery, tho' 'tis thought proper to make Tools of the Traytors.

Of the other Party, All the Men who have any Zeal for their Country, any Sense of the General Interest, any share in the Risque, tho' her Majesty has thought fit to change the Pilots, and put the Helm into other Hands, and they as much Regret as any Body, the Turn of Affairs given by this Means; yet they are not for oversetting the Vessel, ruining Queen, Government, and Nation, to bring it about again — Even the Great Persons who have been put out, have demonstrated, they have too much Concern for the main Interest, to be of this Number — And would rather see the Publick Safety Supported, Peace, Credit, and Commerce, Flourishing among us, tho' it were by any Hands, than the Nation be expos'd to Ruin, to bring the Men out, that are come into the Administration.

These are the Foundations upon which I formerly argu'd, and from whence I prov'd, that notwithstanding the Change we have among us, and how ill soever we may approve of it — Yet, as *English-Men*, as *Britains*, as Men of Substance, and concern'd in the Publick Interest; as Men that



that have a Cargo in the Ship, Estates, Lives, and Posterity to lose; so we are in Duty to all these, in Justice, and in Conscience, concern'd to keep up and Maintain, the Publick Credit of the Nation, as much as is in our Power.

Nor is the contrary Practice so much as Tolerable, upon any Principle, whether *Whiggish* or *High Flying*, except down-right direct *Jacobitism*—— To say, it is the Way to reduce the present Administration to a Distress in the Management, and by Consequence the Government to change Hands, is, in my Opinion, most absurd Arguing.—— For, suppose you may reduce the Administration to Distress—— Are you sure the Consequence shall be only Changing Hands? Is it not more likely the Government itself shall Change, and that Distress shall break the Confederacy, and let in *France*? This, methinks, should weigh with Men of Reason: It can be no Man's right Interest, who has any thing in the Ship, to let the new Pilots, for want of help, run the Ship into the Mouth of the Enemy, in order to have better Pilots put in, who shall bring her back again—— This seems to me, much like *Solomon's Harlot*, who was content the Child should be Butcher'd, rather than her Rival should enjoy it, and she be left out, and shew'd most convincingly, that she was not the true Natural Mother of the Infant.

No, no, Gentlemen, let her Majesty put out and put in who she pleases, nay, if it were not offensive to say, should a Set of D.... be put in—— Yet, while the Queen is upon the Throne, and the Enemy in the Field, we ought to Support our Credit and pray take me at my Word, I say, OUR CREDIT—— We call it the Publick Credit, others the Credit of the Exchequer, others the Credit of the Funds; I say 'tis OUR CREDIT, the Nation's Credit, the People of *England's* Credit—— and in sinking it, we Wound our selves.

I have already spoken to this, and therefore shall say the less, for I am against Repetitions—— But pray, Gentlemen, who loses in the Sinking the Stock of the Bank? Who do you Wound in lowering your An-

nuities? Who lessens their Estates when the Stocks fall?—— Is the Bank the Queen's, or is it the Exchequer? Is it not call'd the Bank of *England*?—— Is it not the Magazine of the People's Cash?——

Whose are the Annuities, have you not bought them? Are they not the Inheritance of the People? Are they not the Subsistence of your Families, many of them the Jointures of your Marriages, the Reserves of Parents, and the Portions of Children?

What are you doing, when you run down these? Are you not Mad? Are ye not stabbing the Vitals of the Nation? Are ye not firing your Houses, or drowning your Lands? Are you not sinking your own Estates? For shame, Whigs! Be not your own Destroyers—— Do you not say the Strength of Credit is in your Hands?—— If it be, why are you *Felo de se*? Why destroy your selves? Sinking the Credit, is giving up ~~that Strength~~, and putting the Balance out of your Hands—— If we will argue Rationally, the Tories should run down Credit, not the Whigs—— The Tories should run it down to Ruin the Whigs, because the Whigs have their Estates almost all in it—— But for the Whigs to assist, and help sink the Nation's Credit, is as preposterous, as my Lord *H—ms* Fiction of the *Dissenters* pulling down their own Meeting Houses.

Again, who do you harm?—— O, says one, they cannot get Money; if the Credit falls, they may give Funds, but they cannot borrow, and so they will be forc'd—— &c. .... I care not to repeat the Folly of the rest.

Wretched Arguers!—— They cannot borrow upon Funds—— Well, then they must have no Funds—— And what follows? Nothing of what you suggest; tho' if that follow'd, you would tremble to find it: But the Case is plain.

The War is to be carry'd on, the Alliance is to be Supported; these are Fundamentals; to say these shall not be Voted and Determin'd by the coming Parliament, is to say they will Vote out the Queen, and give

us up to France, and a Popish Pretender.

If the War is to be carry'd on, the Parliament is to find MONEY to Support the War; it would be Nonsense, and the worst of Nonsense to suggest, the first should be Voted, and not the last : *Now mark the Word* — The Parliament Vote a Supply for carrying on the War ; a Supply of What ? A Supply of Money, not a Supply of Funds.

The Ministry, the Treasury, the Exchequer, what Share have they in this ? — Nothing out of the House — They are but the Tellers of the Money, to take it in, and Issue it out — If you give them nothing, they can pay nothing — If Funds are given by the Parliament, and you won't lend, what can they do ? *Nothing*, but like him that takes a bad Piece of Money of you, when he sees no Body will take it, he brings it back where he had it,

and says, *it won't go* : So, if the Funds will not raise the Money, they must only go back to the Parliament, who must find out Ways and Means — To do what ? To raise the Money.

Thus sinking *Credit*, only takes from the *Parliament* the Way of raising Money by Funds, which was the most easie to the Nation ; and puts them upon a kind of Necessity, of finding out Ways more severe, for immediate raising the Sums they want ; and — where will this Severity fall — but upon US, the People ?

So that go which Way to Work you will, in sinking the Publick *Credit*, you Wound your selves, and no Body else but your selves.

I shall say a Word about our *Credit* in my next, to the other Party, to the *Tories* — Who have some concern in it too, as well as the *Whigs*, and who have had their Share in bringing it down.

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